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Subject: NBC/CPI Story

Velveta and Helena,

I wanted to touch base on what I consider to be an inaccuracy in an otherwise important series released by NBC and the Center for Public Integrity, and to let you know that I've contacted Kristen Lombardi to make sure that she is aware of my concern.

As I mentioned to Kristen, I didn't think it was fair to say in today's coverage that "complainants have not heard from the agency since" the visit to Alabama. In fact, as you know, I've been checking in with you and others at OCR and also know that you have expressed interest in an additional interview. I think it would be fair to say, instead, that we lack evidence that preliminary findings are forthcoming or that EPA has undertaken a vigorous and thorough investigation, and we have concerns. Moreover, as you know, when we were in Alabama, OCR indicated that there was interest in holding a "listening session" and there's been no follow up. As I have mentioned previously, the residents weren't eager for a listening session at this point: they want a thorough investigation and had put together a town hall-style meeting so the investigators could gather information from more people. The idea of the listening session came from EPA, but there was a lack of follow up on the idea.

In any case, I wanted you to know that I notified CPI and NBC.

Best,

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